

### **III. REMARKS**

#### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-2,4-5,8,11-12,15,25, and 27-30 are cancelled. Claims 6,13,26,31, and 32 are amended and new claims 33-35 are added. Claims 3,6,7,13,14,26, and 31-35 are presented for further consideration.

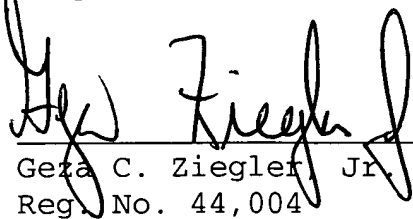
Applicant has amended the claims of this application in accordance with the Examiner's statement of allowable subject matter. In particular new claim 33 represents former claim 5 incorporating the limitations of claim 1 and any intervening claims, new claim 34 represents former claim 12 incorporating the limitations of claim 8 and any intervening claims, and new claim 35 represents former claim 30 incorporating the limitation of claim 25 and any intervening claims. Where possible dependent claims are amended to be dependent on their respective independent claims.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims, now present in the application, describe patentable subject matter as described by the Examiner. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check for \$200 is is enclosed for the additional independent claim fee. (The cancellation of independent claims 8 & 25 offsets 2 of the 3 new independent claims.) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of

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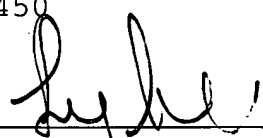
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